

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 21, 22, 25, 29, and 32-33.

REMARKS

Claims 21, 22, 25, 29, and 32-33 have been canceled. They have been canceled to place the patent in condition for allowance and as per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 34 and 37-39 are pending.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 21, 22, 25, 29, 32, and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The cancellation of these claims renders this ground of rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Drohan et al. in view of Wakayama et al.

Rejection of Claims 21, 25, and 32

Claims 21, 25, and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Drohan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,589,604) in view of Wakayama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,331,659). The cancellation of these claims renders this ground of rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Rejection of Claim 22

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Drohan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,589,604) in view of Wakayama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,331,659) and

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